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351. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether INSAT-IC is to be laun ched as scheduled in July 1986;

(b) for what purpose this Statel-lite is proposed to be utilised;

(c) whether these are the same as those of INSAT-IV; and

(d) if not, in what respects the services rendered by INSAT-IC are likely to be different from those of INSAT-IV?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. At present, readiness of INSAT-IC after completion of system-level acceptance testing is projected slightly ahead of the stipulated schedule of January 31, 1986. It is manifested for launch by US-NASA Space Shuttle flight No. 61-M, which is presently scheduled for mid-July 1986 with a nominal launch date of July 15, 1986.

(b) and (c) Functionally, INSAT-IC is identical to INSAT-IB. At least initially it will be used as an on-orbit active spare. As an active spare satellite, it will be used to derive additional telecommuncations and TV programme distribution services.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo-Pak Ministerial level talks

352. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-Commissions of the Indo-Pak Ministerial Commission had talks in Delhi recently to improve bilateral relations between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the number of agreements signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An agreement on Cooperation in Agricultural Research was signed. In addition, amongst other$_3$ the following decisions were taken at the meeting :—(i) consideration of the draft text for a Cultural Agreement, (ii) waiver of the requirement of police reporting in respect of bonaflde businessmen and holders of transit visas, (iii) finalisation of through railway booking facilities between designated railway stations with effect from 1st Oct., 1985; (iv) agreement on setting up of a working group for cooperation in the field of planning, to be preceded by a seminar in Islamabad on the same subject, (v) agreement on exchange of information to check the illegal trafficking in narcotics; and (vi) exchange of radio correspondents.

Industries violating pollution laws

353. PROF. C. LASHMANNA; Will the .PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries not complying with the provisions of pol lution laws;

(b) the measures taken by Government to effectively enforce the laws; and

(c) the number of prosecutions launched against the managements for violating the laws and causing health hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) Out of 4109 polluting industries in the lar-